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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: HOP ACIDS AS A REPLACEMENT FOR  
ANTIBIOTICS IN ANIMAL FEED

Examiner: M. C. Flood

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2009 (the "Action"), finally rejecting claims 1-5, 11 and 12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. This response is filed concurrently with a request for continued examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.